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Renewed push

Cathy Mauro, representing 'Reopen Minden ER', holds a new petition the group recently launched seeking to mobilize all Ontarians to fight against widespread cuts to rural healthcare. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

Petition calls for rural healthcare revamp

By Mike Baker

Cathy Mauro, a volunteer with the 'Reopen Minden ER' group, is aiming to have 250,000 people sign a new petition launched in Minden last week calling on all Ontarians to join forces and fight widespread cuts to rural healthcare.

Speaking at the site of the former Minden

emergency department May 31, on the eve of the first anniversary of its closure, Mauro said she's taking a stand against what she believes is a concerted effort to decimate the province's public health care system.

"This has become an epidemic with hospitals losing services and ER closures across Ontario... this is happening in all

rural Ontario. We're trying to unite everyone to tell the government enough is enough," Mauro said.

The petition calls on the province to properly fund rural hospitals to improve quality of life and prevent avoidable deaths, Mauro said.

"We're asking for full transparency and

accountability from the ministry and local rural hospital boards in spending, including accessible information on healthcare expenditures, and to actually involve the public when there's going to be a significant decision made about a hospital," Mauro noted.

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Richard Bradley spraypainted a blue H on a Haliburton Highlands Health Services sign to mark the one-year anniversary of the closure of the Minden ER. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

Bradley charged with vandalism

By Mike Baker

County resident Richard Bradley said he will never give up the fight to reinstate the Minden emergency department.

He was one of around a dozen community activists gathered at the Minden hospital May 31, on the eve of the first anniversary of the closure. Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) shuttered the emerg June 1, 2023 – six weeks after notifying the public.

Representing the 'Save Haliburton County Emergency Healthcare' group, Bradley said he wanted to take a stand and let HHHS know "the community hasn't forgotten." He used spray paint to inscribe a blue 'H' on the HHHS sign welcoming people to the Minden site – in place of the 'H' that was removed last year.

"It's symbolism – we're trying to get a hospital back here in Minden. I want to put that 'H' back on that sign permanently," Bradley said, noting he used a water-based paint that was easily washable.

He said the urgent care clinic at the hospital, opened last summer and operated by the Kawartha North Family Health Team, and other additions such as the Haliburton County Paramedic Services' paramedicine program and nursing clinic operated by Haliburton County Community Support Services aren't enough to support a community that triples in size come summer.

Referencing a letter recently published in *The Highlander* by David Atkins, who claimed he was left in an empty waiting room with his sick granddaughter for more than four hours

before seeing a doctor last month – suggesting the only working physician was off-site resting - Bradley said locals need more access to health services, not less.

"What's happened, and is continuing to happen, is unacceptable. People need health care, they need to know where it is, and they need to know it's accessible in emergencies," Bradley said.

When asked about Atkins' experience, HHHS spokesperson Lauren Ernst said she couldn't comment, citing patient confidentiality. She did say there is always at least one doctor on-site.

"Doctor shifts run from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. An overlap shift varies from noon to 8 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., pending volumes," Ernst said. "With major events, an additional doctor may be called in and that's usually if a doctor needs to accompany a patient to another hospital."

Ernst did not confirm whether doctors leave the hospital site for breaks while on-shift.

She added facilities staff removed the graffiti Friday afternoon and notified police. Sgt. Paul McDonald with Haliburton Highlands OPP said Bradley was charged June 1 with adult mischief and obstructs, interrupts, or interferes with the lawful use, enjoyment, or operation of property. Bradley is due in court in Minden July 3 to answer to the charges.

Patrick Porzuczek, of the 'Reopen Minden ER' group, was also in attendance Friday and condemned Bradley's actions.

"That sort of thing doesn't accomplish anything. We need to find productive ways to keep fighting for the reinstatement of our Minden ER," Porzuczek said.



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Minden ‘guinea pig’ for hospital closures

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The ‘Reopen Minden ER’ group plans to deliver the petition to the Ontario Legislature in September. It will be the second petition the group has formalized, following one last summer calling for the Minden ER to be reopened - signed by 40,000 people.

While there has been no further permanent closures since the Minden ER was shuttered June 1, 2023, Mauro said there have been temporary closures at 22 other rural hospitals, while facilities in Chesley, Clinton, Fort Erie, and Port Colborne have seen hours reduced.

Residents of Durham, ON are mobilizing after South Bruce Grey Health Centre – parent organization of the Durham hospital – recently announced the facility’s 10 inpatient beds were being moved to more central locations in Walkerton and Kincardine later this month. The town’s mayor, Kevin Eccles, declared a state of emergency May 28.

Mauro said she feels for residents of the community, located 90 kilometres north of Guelph.

“It’s appalling what’s happening there. It seems to me like Minden was the guinea pig for closing hospitals or reducing services in Ontario,” she said.

One year later

Patrick Porzuczek, of ‘Reopen Minden ER’, said he’s still hurting from the local closure. With a sick daughter dealing with a heart condition, Porzuczek said he has spent much of the past year living in fear, wondering what would happen if she required immediate care.

Recently, the family received a defibrillator – donated by Philips Canada – providing a “much-needed security blanket” in case of emergency. Still, Porzuczek said he’ll continue fighting.

“What I’m hearing is people really miss the Minden ER. They don’t feel they’re being cared for or have the same level of service they had at the Minden ER,” Porzuczek said. “A piece of our community was taken from us. We’re the lightweights versus the heavyweights in this fight, but nobody is giving up.”

About 20 people attended a tree planting ceremony at the Minden hospital site June 1. Porzuczek said the group secured permission



Volunteers planted a magnolia tree on the grounds of the Minden hospital June 1. *Submitted.*

from Haliburton Highlands Health Services to plant a magnolia on the grounds, close to the memorial for former ER physician Dr. David Fiddler.

“We chose it because, in the spring, this beautiful flower starts to blossom and show us the dark days are behind us. We’re hoping it will have the same effect on this hospital,” Porzuczek said.

In a statement submitted to *The Highlander*, HHHS CEO Veronica Nelson said she feels enhancements made to the Minden hospital since the ED closure, and elsewhere, have helped to fill the void.

“I am proud of the new partnerships we have forged with Kawartha Lakes Haliburton OHT and our community nursing clinic partners SE Health and Paramed, and those we have rekindled with Haliburton Highlands Family Medicine Centre, and Kawartha North Family Health Team through the urgent care clinic,” Nelson said.

“Healthcare in Ontario looks and feels very different than it did in the recent past. Not

having access to care is not an option for our community. Planning health care in an innovative and collaborative way is critical for optimizing health and wellbeing of Haliburton County,” she added.

Minden Paper chimes in

Jeff Nicholls, one of the leaders behind the Minden Paper group that has spent the past 14 months analyzing HHHS’ reasoning for last summer’s shuttering, said the team has expanded their scope to look at what’s happening at all of Ontario’s 140 public hospital corporations.

The results, he said, have been startling. They found 102 hospitals ended the 2023 fiscal year with a deficit – an increase from 33 at the end of the 2022 fiscal year. The average deficit rose by 992 per cent, from \$545,000 to \$5.9 million, with the total deficit climbing 3,300 per cent – from \$17.9 million to \$610 million.

Minden Paper has called on the auditor

general to launch a full-scale investigation into the Minden ER closure.

“Far too many questions remain unanswered. Had the public learned more from those who made the decision, perhaps we could have stopped not only Minden ER’s closure but others across the province,” Nicholls said.

“Compelled by Minden ER’s closure, we audited the financial statements of every hospital in Ontario and used the data to inform a publicly available, searchable database. We want people to see that Minden was the first, but will certainly not be the last,” he added.

The database is available at mindenpaper.com/hospital-funding.

“It’s not too late to stand against the privatization of our public healthcare system. We truly believe it’s not too late to bring back Minden’s hospital – it should have never been closed in the first place,” Nicholls said.

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON NEWS**Hodgson named to police board**

Long-time County realtor, Andrew Hodgson, has been named as the provincial appointment to the Haliburton County OPP detachment board.

The brother of former MPP Chris Hodgson will be joined by an as-yet-to-be-named member of the public, and political representatives from all four townships.

County CAO Gary Dyke said, at a May 22 meeting, all councillors had been trained and they were ready to proceed. The first meeting is expected in June.

Dyke said they'll be looking at the draft procedural bylaw, the terms of reference, code of conduct, further training responsibilities, appoint a chairperson and discussion of the community representative.

He added they had struck an annual operating budget of \$20,000 for the board.

More in-house daycare

Dyke said the County had been advised by the City of Kawartha Lakes of an agency looking to support the development of additional in-home childcare spaces, including in Haliburton County.

He said there could be up to 125 new in-home daycare spaces for the Highlands.

Dyke said they had been working with local municipalities – naming Dysart et al CEO Tamara Wilbee - to put together a centralized intake team that will receive applications from a support group, and walk them through the process.

“So hopefully we'll report back on that in the near future to council,” Dyke said.

Incentivizing doctors

Director of economic development and tourism, Scott Ovell, proposed amendments to the County's doctor recruitment guidelines.

He said the changes, in staff's opinion, “will allow the County of Haliburton to remain competitive in the area of physician recruitment.”

The alterations include changing a return of service minimum requirement, to two, from four, years.

In addition, Ovell can now develop and execute physician incentive agreements.

The changes allow for stacked/flexible funding. For example, if a doctor enters into an agreement for three years, the total funding allocation of \$75,000 could be paid out in different amounts as opposed to the current structure of \$25,000-a-year to \$50,000 in year one, no funding in year two, and \$25,000 in year three.

Ovell added there would be no change to the eligible amount a physician is entitled to over the duration of their tenure.

Ovell said the County now has four physicians accessing its incentive program. He said staff are not requesting additional money for the program, but the changes would alter how they refund the reserve account on an annual basis. Currently, the balance of the physician recruitment reserve sits at \$185,906. (*County of Haliburton news compiled by Lisa Gervais*).



At the May 22 County council meeting, members of the Haliburton County Paramedic Service provided a demonstration of a cardiac arrest scenario as part of education and awareness efforts around 2024 paramedic services week, May 19-25. Pictured, left to right, are paramedics Shawn Foster, Jeff Ryan and deputy-chief David Dasti. *Submitted*.

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The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

Proposed changes are included in the following Schedules and are also available on the website www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom:

- Schedule A Classes of Permits and Fees for Building
- Schedule F Planning Department Fees / Short-Term Rental Fees
- Schedule G Cemetery
- Schedule H Community Services Programs & Facilities
- Schedule L Local Community Insurance Services

Members of the public wishing to participate may attend in-person or join electronically and make comment/speak at the Public Meeting regarding proposed changes to the Fees and Charges By-law.

Electronic Participants Must:

- pre-register by emailing admin@mindenhills.ca by Wednesday June 12, 2024 before 4:00 PM
- or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting before 8:30 AM

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• *Connection and Response*, an exhibit by conceptual artist Bruce Cull, will be on display until June 8 in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, 176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden. The exhibit closes to the public on Saturday, June 8. The Gallery is open Tuesday – Saturday, 10 AM - 4 PM. Admission is by donation. For more info: <https://calendar.mindenhills.ca/default/Detail/2024-04-04-1000-Connection-and-Response-An-Exhibit-by-Bruce-Cull>

• Join us for the final PA Day Movie of the school year! We will be presenting *Minions* (2015) at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Friday, June 7 at 1:00 PM. This is a free family friendly movie event co-hosted by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and the Haliburton County Public Library. Snacks will be provided, but please feel free to bring your own.

• The Knitting Village provides free knitting lessons for children ages 11-14. The next classes take place on June 11 and 18 from 3:30-4:30 pm at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. All materials are supplied. For more info: culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or call 705-286-3763.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person (Council Chambers) and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

- June 13 – Regular Council Meeting
- June 27 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link on the Township CivicWeb Portal at <https://mindenhills.ca/civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx>. Visit our website for more information.

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David O'Brien retires from HHHS board

By Mike Baker

After seven years of volunteering on the board of Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS), the last 18 months as chair, David O'Brien has retired – telling *The Highlander*, “I’m at a point now where I don’t think I could give any more and be meaningful.”

His decision was announced May 31, on the eve of the first anniversary of the closure of the Minden emergency department.

“Pure coincidence,” O'Brien said, adding he made his intentions known at a May 30 HHHS board meeting. “That’s the last opportunity I had before the AGM [on June 27]... my decision had nothing to do with anything, other than the fact I felt in my own mind it was time to move on. I wanted to see HHHS through the transition... I wanted to make sure the board was in a position to recruit new members. That I’m not sitting there, getting re-elected to the board, and then quitting a few months later.”

He added, “I’m leaving to make room for new people.”

O'Brien joined the organization in 2017, shortly after relocating to the Highlands from the GTA. He held several prominent positions during his career, including Mississauga city manager and CEO of Toronto Hydro.

He said the experience gained from high-profile day jobs helped him to deal with the pressure, and public outcry, when the Minden ED closed last summer.

O'Brien maintains the HHHS board made the only decision it could, based on logic and

reason rather than emotion, when shuttering the department. Though he has, for the first time, admitted there were things the board could have done differently to ensure a smoother transition.

“I think we could have communicated better in retrospect – if we had explained our position a little better maybe that would have helped,” O'Brien said. “But it had to be done. A year ago, we were really struggling with the fact we didn’t have enough doctors and nurses to run two ERs. We’re hardly using any agency nurses now, so that’s been one benefit. That’s saving the organization a lot of money.”

Lauren Ernst, communications lead at HHHS, said the organization hired 80 people between April 1, 2023 and March 31, 2024, including 26 registered nurses and registered practical nurses and 13 PSWs.

Dr. Ali Bohra came on board as a full-time emergency department physician May 2. He has committed to practicing in the Highlands for at least four years.

Irene Odell, long-time financial committee chair and board vice chair for the past couple of years, will serve as interim chair until the AGM later this month. O'Brien said there, the hospital’s membership will elect a new board, who will select a chair over the summer. He said he’d be surprised if Odell didn’t get the role long-term.

With Odell’s leadership, and that of Veronica Nelson, HHHS CEO, O'Brien believes the organization is in good hands.

“The future of the hospital is solid. There’s always funding issues, so you do worry about



David O'Brien has retired from his role as board chair. *Submitted.*

whether you’ve got enough money to do everything you want. But I think the hospital in Haliburton, now, is in a great position,” he said.

Asked for the highlight of his seven years, O'Brien said securing a CT scanner and mammography services, both coming this summer, is the big one. He said he’ll cherish the relationships formed through his time volunteering with the organization.

He plans to stay in the Highlands. Turning 75 in July, O'Brien said he’s making a concerted effort to reduce his schedule. He

will maintain positions on the Haliburton County Public Library and Haliburton County Development Corporation boards, though said he’s looking forward to spending more time at home and enjoying the great outdoors.

“I like to keep myself busy – I’ve never been a sit-at-home-and-twiddle-my-thumbs kind of guy. I’ll have to learn how to be retired,” O'Brien said. “Maybe I won’t quite get up at 5 a.m. anymore... I’ll let myself sleep until 6 a.m.”



Buckslide ditch witches hard at work

After Hydro brushing, a group of neighbours on Buckslide Road got together to reseed areas on their road with local wildflowers and grasses.

They call themselves the Buckslide Ditch Witches.

Spokesperson, Bridget Lynch, said “we are making our way along the section of road we live along - from Halls Lake to the Buckslide and Kushog Road intersection. “We simply seed any bare areas without thatch, or rake some thatch away as needed, to ‘seed’ the area. Once these seeds take root, in the years to come they will spread.”

She added their hope is to inspire others to seed their roadsides, “rather than simply look at the devastation and wait for the most aggressive plants to move in and take over. This is a great opportunity to plant those all-important native wildflowers and grasses that support the health of innumerable insects and birds, while also painting our roadsides with colour,” Lynch said. (*Lisa Gervais*).

Members of the Buckslide Ditch Witches spread seed along the side of the road. *Submitted.*



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DYSART ET AL NEWS**Dysart strikes gold**

Dysart et al has been recognized as a provincial leader in recycling promotion and education.

John Watson, the township's environmental manager, said the municipality won big at the Municipal Waste Association's 2024 Spring Workshop, held in Huntsville May 28 to 30. The township received a gold campaign award for its 2023 public awareness campaign 'Recycling is Easy' that encouraged the proper recycling of food and beverage waste.

The annual promotion and education awards recognize outstanding achievements by Ontario municipalities for the use of effective waste minimization and diversion communication efforts.

The judges lauded Dysart's program, which used a variety of ways to educate people about how to properly recycle food and beverage cartons. Residents were provided with a reusable recycling bag, and encouraged to participate in a digital waste sorting game to show what is recyclable and what isn't.

Acceptable recyclables include: shelf-stable cartons for juice, milk, soy and grain milk, and soup and broth; and refrigerated cartons for milk, juice, cream, egg substitutes, and soy and grain milk. Watson noted carton caps can stay on, but things like straws belong in the garbage.

Dysart beat out the City of Peterborough and County of Dufferin for the award. "Waste composition studies show over 80

per cent of all food and beverage cartons are being captured in Dysart's recycling. If everyone thinks before they throw, we can properly capture even more," he added.

Rates set

At its May 28 meeting, Dysart councillors discussed establishing rates for user groups who want to host events in the Head Lake Park.

This came after Andrea Mueller, the township's recreation coordinator, tabled a report informing council of an application submitted by Olivia Feder to use the bandshell for weekly 'Little Moverz' mommy-and-me style classes through the summer.

Feder requested exclusive access to the bandshell on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to host a series of 30-minute classes. There would be a fee for participants.

Mayor Murray Fearrey indicated the days of people hosting for-profit events at no cost in the park are over.

Council is proposing a \$100 fee per day for anyone wanting to use the bandshell for two hours or longer; and a \$250 fee to use the rest of the park, excluding the playground area. This is in addition to a \$100 application fee.

Local service clubs, such as Haliburton Rotary and the Lions Club of Haliburton, will be permitted to host events at no cost.

"They're exempt because they're pouring money back into the community," Fearrey said.

The move comes hot on the heels of an

earlier decision to charge the Haliburton farmers market approximately \$4,200 for weekly events at Head Lake Park. That number is based on the market having 40 vendors pay \$5 to attend each of the summer's 21 markets. The Haliburton County Farmers Market Association has committed to paying the fees this year.

Fearrey noted the new fee schedule will impact long-running events such as Art in the Park and the Haliburton boat races. Council will discuss the fee schedule at its June 25 meeting.

Meanwhile, council has agreed to extend the opening hours of the washrooms at the welcome centre in Head Lake Park, and waived all associated fees, for two upcoming events: Rotary Music in the Park, every Tuesday evening in July and August, and Rails End Arts and Craft Festival July 26 to 28.

The township is also waiving half day rental fees for events at the Harcourt Community Centre for celebrations of life for area residents and taxpayers, and appreciation dinners celebrating local volunteers.

Bridging the gap

Council provided support for the installation of a new 91.5-metre cell tower serving the community around Pivot Lake.

It's the latest application under the Eastern Ontario Regional Network's cell gap project, which aims to improve cell service for rural residents in the region.

Planner Jeff Iles said one person submitted comments during the public



John Watson, Dysart's environmental manager. *Submitted.*

consultation period, expressing concern over environmental impacts, including to animal habitats. He noted the proposed installation does not meet the requirements for an environmental assessment, as outlined by the Ministry of Environment.

Since Dysart no longer has a cell tower policy, and the project complied with health standards established by Health Canada, he recommended council endorse it, which it did unanimously.

(Dysart et al briefs compiled by Mike Baker).

OPP NEWS**ATV safety**

The OPP is reporting a 125 per cent increase in ATV fatalities in 2024, with more than half of the people involved not wearing helmets.

Nine people – eight drivers and one passenger – have died in OPP-investigated ATV incidents so far this year, compared to three drivers and one passenger at this time in 2023.

This week is ATV safety awareness week in Ontario, running May 31 to June 9. Police officials provincewide are reminding the public of the importance of wearing property fitted off-road vehicle helmets

during every ride.

ATV enthusiasts are also encouraged to take an ATV driving course before hitting the trails. Programs are also available for youth.

"Safe riding habits need to start at the very outset. Parents and guardians of youths who are interested in taking up ATV riding are encouraged to enroll them in Ontario's youth ATV rider training program," police say.

With three of this year's fatalities involving alcohol and/or drugs, police say the same rules apply to ATVs as regular on-road vehicles when it comes to driving impaired.

Collision investigated

Haliburton Highlands OPP are continuing to investigate a multi-vehicle collision on County Road 503 on May 26 that landed three motorcyclists in a Toronto-area hospital.

Police say the incident involved a pick-up truck and five motorcycles. The OPP's central region traffic incident management and enforcement team were on-scene most of the day for processing.

They say the truck was traveling east on CR 503 at approximately 11:30 a.m. and attempted to pass the motorcyclists, but upon re-entering the lane of traffic struck

the lead motorcycle – causing a collision involving all vehicles.

Three motorcycle drivers sustained serious injuries. One person was immediately transported from the scene to a trauma centre in Toronto by Ornge Air ambulance, while two others were airlifted after receiving treatment at the Haliburton ER.

All three were reported to be in stable condition later that day.

Police are asking anyone with information about the incident, or dash cam or surveillance footage, to call Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. *(OPP briefs compiled by Mike Baker).*

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The WWII War-era M4 'Easy Eight' Sherman tank was moved from the Haliburton Legion May 22 to be refurbished. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Tank restoration 'a long time coming'

By Lisa Gervais and Mike Baker

It wasn't a bird, nor a plane that Haliburton residents saw flying through the air May 22 – it was an old Second World War-era M4 'Easy Eight' Sherman tank.

Around a dozen volunteers from the Haliburton Legion, Total Site Services, and Windy Ridge Homes assisted in moving the tank, which is to be restored over the summer.

Nick Bryant, a long-time member of the legion, said it's been about 15 years since the vintage heavy-armoured vehicle last got an upgrade. He's secured a Canadian War Memorials grant to have it sandblasted and repainted – work that needed to be done away from the busy intersection of Maple Avenue and Mountain Street.

Workers were busy most of the morning with the move. A crane was brought in from Peterborough Crane Rentals, with the vehicle hoisted onto a flatbed truck and transported to a shop in Lochlin, where much of the restoration will take place.

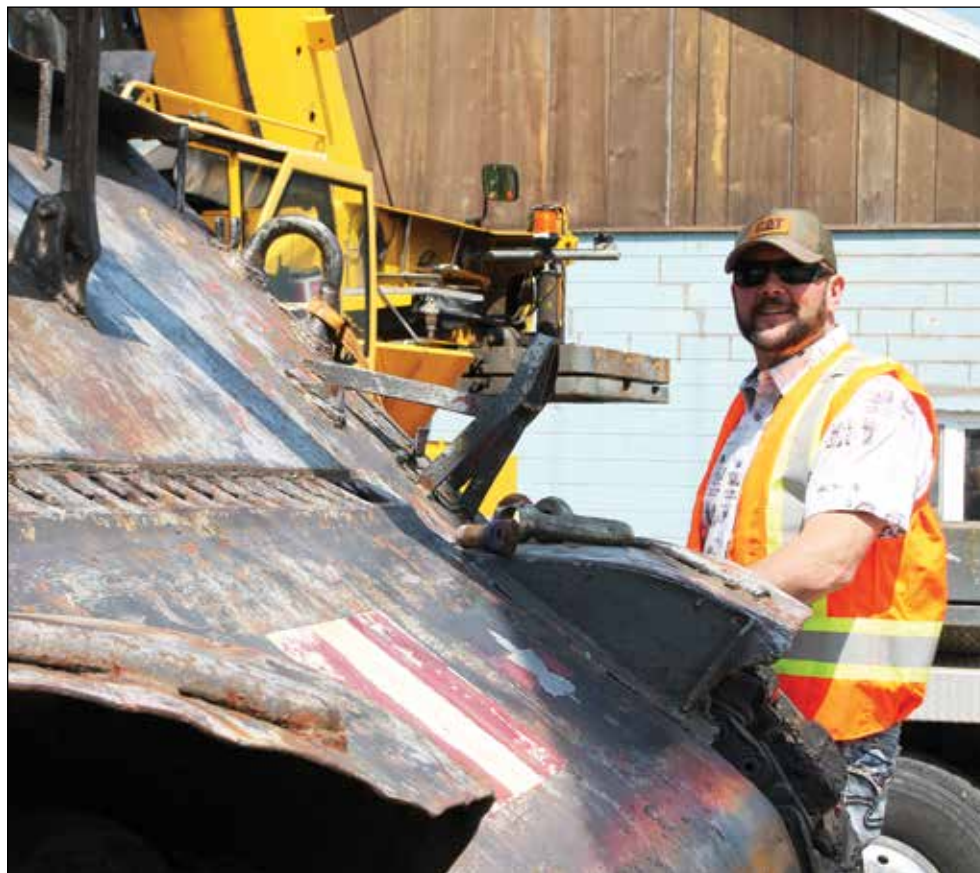
Pat Casey, Dysart et al councillor and owner of Total Site Services, said moving the tank took lots of planning. Initially, it was to be moved in late 2023, before winter, but that was pushed back once everyone realized how big a job it would be.

"It all worked out just the way we thought in the end – it was nice to be able to pull it off," Casey said.

The tank weighs about 37 tons when fully loaded, less when not so. Bryant said, "it's an icon of the town and of the legion."

It arrived in Haliburton from Canadian Forces Base Borden in the early 1970s, long serving as a local memorial to Highlands' veterans. A plaque installed on its side reads, "through the mud and the blood to the green fields beyond," in reference to its use in multiple war efforts.

The M4 Sherman was constructed by Fisher Tank Company in the 1940s and used predominantly by the U.S. in the Second World War, and by Canadian troops in the Korean War. It was named after Union



Pat Casey, owner of Total Site Services, donated staff time to help other volunteers move the tank. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

General William Tecumseh Sherman, a celebrated American Civil War general.

According to online records, the Haliburton tank was constructed in 1945.

Bryant said the restoration is a long time coming.

"It's been three years getting this project off the ground. It's been an interesting struggle – myself and other volunteers are doing a lot of the grunt work, but we have a company coming from Bancroft to do the sandblasting and paint it," Bryant said, noting military members from CFB Borden are also involved.

The project is expected to wrap up in the fall, with Bryant hoping to have the tank

back in front of the legion for this year's Remembrance Day proceedings.

Casey said it will be nice to see the tank given a new lease on life. Speaking of his involvement, the local entrepreneur and politician said he likes to give back to important causes in the community.

"We donated a bunch of time and resources to the skatepark last year. I have a soft heart for the legion, for the veterans – my great grandad on both sides of my family were both in the Second World War," Casey said. "I have a 60-year legion pin that my grandad passed down... this, I think, was a great project to help with."

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NATURE'S CALLING

Meme's special medicine

When you hear the word dandelion, what comes to mind? Perhaps a pesky weed or a childhood memory of blowing on the fluffy white seeds?

When I think of dandelions, I'm filled with excitement. These humble plants are not just weeds, but versatile ingredients for food and medicine. They're packed with benefits, rich in antioxidants, and a great source of vitamins A, B, C, K, calcium, and potassium. Their versatility is truly remarkable, offering a wide range of uses in our daily lives.

For years, I've been collecting dandelion flowers and making dandelion salve and jelly. Let's start with the jelly; it's a delightful treat that tastes like honey. Some folks call it poor man's honey. The recipe is simple, and while prepping the flowers takes some time, the end result is absolutely worth it.

You are to use only the yellow petals, no green parts. You would need:

- Four cups of yellow petals
- Three-and-a-half cups of water

Two tablespoons of lemon juice
One package of powdered pectin
Four-and-a-half cups of sugar or two cups of monk fruit

Bring water to a simmer and add two cups of dandelion petals. Simmer for 10 minutes, remove, and strain over a bowl. Make sure to squeeze out as much liquid as possible. Repeat with the remaining petals. Measure out three cups of the infused water and top up with tap water if needed. Add your lemon juice and pectin and bring to a rolling boil. Now, add your sugar and bring to a boil again. Cook and stir for a couple of minutes. Remove and skim foam from the surface. Then, pour your mixture into your jars. Everyone does their canning differently, so do it how you do it. Then enjoy.

My personal favourite use for dandelions is dandelion salve. I first made this after reading about its anti-inflammatory and anti-itch properties.

Most people will use shea butter with

beeswax and then the infused dandelion oil in their salve. Where mine is different, and adds even more

benefits, is that I use bear tallow. Since I am a hunter, I like to use everything including animal fat. Bear tallow has many benefits, and when added to infused dandelion oil and beeswax to make this salve, it's loaded with skincare benefits. I first made this when I got my tattoos, hoping to have something natural heal them. This salve healed them faster, and there was no itching. I gave some to friends to try on different things, which worked terrific on sunburns. It took the redness and sting out of it. It worked great on dry, cracked heels and hands, took the itch out of bug bites, and even helped with leg aches. My granddaughters can contest that it works on leg aches. They call it Meme's special medicine.

By Toni Cooper

HUMANS OF HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS

An afternoon with the Bronnys

Holding well-loved tennis racquets, Radek Bronny and his wife, Yvonne, are sitting on the bench at the Stanhope courts.

Radek, 74, quickly jumps up off the bench when given the opportunity to share the story of how they came to Haliburton Highlands. Yvonne readily chirps in "this is the third continent we have lived on," before eventually choosing the Highlands as their summer home.

The Bronnys left their homeland of Poland in 1980 during Lech Wałęsa's solidarity movement, better job prospects were afoot in Africa. Nigeria became a good home for the couple and their two young sons; but their stay was short lived, as after four years, an oil crisis occurred causing employment peril.

Due to martial law in Poland, they could not return home so they investigated several other countries. Canada gave them the opportunity to immigrate "self-sponsored." They considered Canada a country of wide open spaces and lots of opportunity.

The population "was the same as Poland but the land size so much bigger." After a quick vacation in Madrid where they could stock up on winter clothing not available in Nigeria, the family ended up in Toronto, soon settling in Scarborough. Yvonne still marvels at the first time her sons saw snow, afraid it was "burning their skin."

Within six months Radek was working with the biggest architectural company in Canada and the family was doing well, so when an opportunity arose to return to Nigeria, they turned it down. The children were thriving at their schools and they enjoyed their new country with wide open spaces and fresh air.

Through the boys' scouting program, the family soon discovered the north and frequently camped in Algonquin Park and rented a cottage each summer in the

Radek and Yvonne Bronny enjoy spending summers in the Highlands. Submitted.

Nippissing area. A search for their own cottage brought them to Kushog Lake in Algonquin Highlands where they were enticed by the view.

Built originally in 1954, the Bronnys used their architectural skills to update the kitchen and bathroom. Yvonne pulled up many layers of vinyl flooring to replace it with beautiful hardwood planks. Kushog Lake became their new summer residence where the best part is "the tornado" caused by the energy of their visiting granddaughters.

The couple still winter in Scarborough, where they socialize with friends and have better access to healthcare. Cross-country skiing is available in the city right from

their home as they can ski directly to a trail. In cottage country they have to drive to a suitable trail.

Cottaging in the winter can be difficult for the couple as they fear power outages. But come warm weather they are anxious to return to the cottage for tennis, fresh air and the view of the lake.

They also have other Highlands activities on their mind as they leave Stanhope in a rush to get to Abbey Gardens for the farmers' market followed by visiting the shops in Haliburton. Canada may be the Bronnys adopted country, but the Highlands have become their summer home.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Mike Whyte submitted this shot his granddaughter, Meghan, took recently of a sunset over Gull Lake.

LETTERS

Re-learning gratitude

Dear editor,

On May 23, I was driving home from Haliburton to my cottage off Glamorgan and Telephone Bay roads.

As I rounded the last curve ready to turn onto our cottage road, my way was blocked by a split tree with a large part of it covering the entire road. Even the part that remained upright did not look stable.

As a long-time cottager and now a permanent resident of Haliburton, I always have the pre-requisite items when travelling: a bug jacket with hood, gloves, an emergency kit, a shovel to help turtles across the road, a Subaru, branch cutters, water and a cell phone.

I used my branch cutters, trying to create a route, when a young person walking on the road offered to get a chainsaw. Unfortunately, the chain broke. I could find no one. I called Highlands East but could not connect. I sent emails to see if anyone I knew was around. No one.

It was after 8:30 p.m., so I got out a triangle marker, bungee, and a jacket, all bright orange.

Then, just like the calvary of old, round the corner came six ATVs with couples on them. They saw my dilemma, had no appropriate equipment, were not from around here, but offered to help.

They rode back and forth over large branches and finally pulled part of the large broken tree over enough so I could get by.

Highlands East quickly arrived the next morning to clear the tree after my call. I owe

a debt of gratitude to a group of strangers who cared enough to stop and help. I hope this group returns often to our trails.

Leslie Banner
Koshlong Lake

Concern over hospital

Dear editor,

Mr. Atkins, thank you for sharing your family’s latest experience at the Haliburton ER.

It’s important that residents and visitors understand what local ER care may look like in the middle of the night. I’m afraid I’ve heard of similar tales since Minden’s ER was closed just over a year ago.

According to HHHS, one of the deciding factors of closing Minden ER and keeping Haliburton ER open was because there are inpatient beds in Haliburton. We were told under no circumstance would/could these beds be without a doctor on-site, that in case of an acute care emergency there would always be a doctor present.

Why is it now acceptable for inpatient beds to be without a doctor onsite?

How was the ER not properly staffed on the Saturday night of the May long weekend?

And, how often is the County’s only ER without a doctor?

We were told closing the Minden ER was made in our best interest - that this decision would ensure the best possible care. According to the HHHS board, Minden’s closure would also solve staffing shortages,

and our County’s emergency healthcare would improve. It would seem as though the complete opposite has happened.

Perhaps it’s time we have an honest look at how often our only ER still suffers staffing shortages? Minden ER was fully staffed by doctors. It didn’t use the locum program until *after* the closure announcement, when our doctors looked elsewhere for work...

It appears Haliburton ER is still struggling, despite Minden’s closure, and let’s not forget that Minden ER never operated without a doctor onsite.

Maybe it’s time for the HHHS board to have a performance review? Alternatively, perhaps the HHHS board should resign, as they do not seem to understand what our county needs, or what is in our best interest.

What an unforgivable injustice to have a volunteer board permanently close our hospital.

Let’s hope none of us have an emergency in the middle of the night - as there might not be a doctor in Haliburton. Should we call beforehand? If we’re able, perhaps it’s smarter to go to Lindsay or Bracebridge.

Utterly disappointed.

Alexis Macnab
Haliburton

It's about time

Dear editor,

Thanks are in order for Dysart deputy mayor Walt McKechnie following County council’s decision to (finally) establish a working group looking into municipal solid waste (MSW) incineration options.

McKechnie has been raising the alarm about MSW in Haliburton for years, as our rapid population growth in the Highlands brings with it tons of additional waste, which must be disposed of, currently, by trucking it to a landfill in Southwestern Ontario at considerable expense.

Rather than focusing on air and water pollution in a region full of CO2 absorbing forests and pristine lakes, it is time for a serious look at the growing problem of land pollution.

In Canada approximately 97 per cent of the waste requiring final disposal is sent to landfills and three per cent is incinerated, whereas in Europe incineration is commonly used, but their waste management policy context is very different from that in Ontario as it is based on the notion of a waste hierarchy that prioritizes the options available for waste management in the following order:

1. Prevent the waste in the first place.
2. Re-use the product. Recycle or compost the material.
3. Recover the energy (by incinerating).
4. Dispose of the product (in a landfill).

Modern incineration is a type of thermal treatment recognized as an effective method for eliminating a wide range of wastes. Different types of incinerators are used in Canada, such as Waste-to-Energy (WTE) facilities, municipal wastewater sludge incinerators, hazardous waste incinerators and biomedical incinerators.

Incineration can reduce the volume of MSW by 90 per cent. Today, incinerators use advanced air pollution controls and can

include technologies that remove 99 per cent of the dioxins and furans emitted from incineration.

It’s time for Haliburton to take a leading position towards understanding the feasibility of innovative MSW solutions for smaller communities such as ours.

Dave Love
Haliburton Lake

All cars matter

Dear editor,

Perhaps John Sinclair should get off his elitist high horse.

Why does he think his neighbours, worried about stone chips on their “fine automobiles” are any more important than anyone with a less fine automobile?

Mary Sharp
Wenona Lake

Unfair to union and readers

Dear editor,

Why is Highland East’s union held to a higher standard than Highlands East, the employer?

One of the central themes in a May 23 article about Highlands East employees heading to conciliation following a unanimous strike vote was information sharing with the public.

Early in the article it is noted that “as is customary with labour negotiations, the union has released information, while the township has not.”

The article goes on to criticize the union three times for not providing more information while giving the employer a free pass on saying absolutely nothing.

In fact, the failure of the union to provide more details about the issues it says are standing in the way of a settlement becomes the main focus of the entire article. The use of phrases such as, “nor did he provide proof of the union’s claims”, “...the union produced nothing to back this claim” and “it also provided no proof of claims...” intentionally or otherwise throws shade on the truthfulness of the union’s claims.

Having been a union negotiator for 25 years, I can tell you that unions walk a thin line when it comes to providing details of issues in dispute.

The unions and its members’ key objective in negotiations is not to go on strike but rather to increase the likelihood of a settlement without a work stoppage and a withdrawal of services to the public.

Providing too many details risks personalizing bargaining table issues, especially in smaller workplaces, thereby making the achievement of a settlement without a strike more difficult.

One-sided criticism of the union for not saying more, while the employer remains silent, is unfair both to the union and to your readers.

Terry Moore
Algonquin Highlands

HEALTH UNIT NEWS

Tick warning

With the warm weather now here to stay, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit (HKPR) is warning the public to be mindful of tick bites.

The insect can be found in many areas, but prefer forests and wooded areas, tall grasses, and under leaf litter. They typically emerge in the spring – as soon as the weather sticks above four degrees Celsius. They survive by attaching themselves to humans and animals, feeding on their blood. Tick bites can be dangerous as they can cause debilitating illnesses such as Lyme Disease.

Speaking at a May 16 HKPR board meeting, Dr. Natalie Bocking, chief medical officer of health, advised people to be mindful when outside in wooded or secluded areas and to always check open skin for potential bites once home. Bites are often difficult to diagnose initially as they're usually pain-free. Ticks can remain attached to the skin for up to two weeks after a bite.

Symptoms of things like Lyme typically present within three to 30 days, Bocking said. Common symptoms include bullseye-like rashes, fever, chills, fatigue, and headaches.

She noted there are treatments for tick-borne diseases now available over the counter at pharmacies in Ontario.

"If it's a general illness, you can flag your primary care provider and let them know you may have been exposed... if somebody has had a tick bite and the tick was latched for greater than 24 hours, it's recommended to receive antibiotics to prevent the onset of

Lyme," Bocking said.

"Even if you've had a tick bite and don't have any symptoms, but want to be sure you're protected, pharmacies can prescribe one dose of antibiotics," she added.

Highlands East deputy mayor Cec Ryall, who sits on the HKPR board, asked how people can remove ticks they find on their bodies. Bocking said. "The best way to remove a tick is to get tweezers, grab it by the head, and pull it straight out."

To prevent tick bites, Bocking suggested people wear light-coloured clothing with long sleeves and pants. More information is available at hkpr.on.ca.

School suspensions

Bocking provided an update on school immunizations, noting the board issued 663 suspensions across HKPR on May 14.

The health unit is mandated by the Ontario government to maintain and review vaccine records for every student attending school in Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland, and Haliburton County. The Immunization of School Pupils Act requires all students to be vaccinated, or have a valid exemption, against tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal disease, and varicella.

The program was paused during the COVID-19 pandemic, resuming in fall 2022. Approximately 4,000 immunization records have been updated since then.

Bocking said the latest round of updates is for elementary students, other than in Grade 3. As of press time June 5, 44 students



The health unit has issued a warning about tick bites. *File.*

remained out of school serving a suspension, including 23 enrolled in schools in Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

Annual report

Bocking said HKPR's 2023 annual report summarized the health unit's continued efforts to address the risk posed by infectious diseases while fulfilling essential duties prescribed in the Ontario Public Health Standards.

One of the key initiatives last year was dental screening for early signs of tooth decay in youth, which was completed in schools across Haliburton County, Kawartha Lakes, and Northumberland County. Bocking said over 5,000 students were screened.

HKPR's healthy families team launched the Nurse Family partnership program last year,

targeting young first-time families facing socio-economic challenges, which Bocking said had been very successful. The team also delivers perinatal mental health interventions to address people's post-pandemic challenges.

Other highlights include: the distribution of 3,271 naloxone kits; 2,054 inspections of food premises; 8,141 student immunization records assessed; 53 public and provincial beaches monitored; 1,610 reports of communicable and infectious diseases reviewed; 604 sexual health clients seen; 101,539 vaccines distributed (not including COVID-19 vaccines); 567 animal bite investigations; and 1,199 parents and families supported through the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program. (*HKPR briefs compiled by Mike Baker*).

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Hal high students talk homelessness

By Lillie Qiu

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) Interact club wants the community's help coming up with potential solutions for homelessness in the County.

The group, in association with Haliburton Rotary, held a homelessness awareness event May 31 at Stuart W. Baker Elementary School. It was the final gathering of the current school year for Interact, whose mandate is to take action and try to influence change in our communities.

Co-club president, Annabelle Borgdorff, said Interact has been wanting to host an event focused on homelessness – the issues we're seeing, and not seeing, in the County and how to best address them – for several years, but noted with the worsening economic climate it had become more of a focus in recent months.

She said hosting a community event, which invited people to speak about their experiences and float ideas for inspiring change, was a good start. The club started planning for the event last fall.

There was a BBQ to kick off, followed by presentations featuring club members. A discussion followed the presentations.

Leading up to the event, the club held a weeklong fundraiser at HHSS, with all proceeds supporting the 'Helping Hampers' initiative, led by Rotaract - another sister association, for young adults. 'Helping Hampers' is a community outreach program that provides basic needs items to individuals

in the community. Rotaract prepares a hamper with basic needs for the community. Students sold rubber ducks all week, encouraging others to "give a duck a home," Borgdorff said.

The fundraiser was a hit, with 60 per cent of the ducks sold on the first day. It raised \$200 and Rotaract matched that amount, so the total from the fundraiser was \$400.

Later, those in attendance heard how homelessness in Haliburton County isn't as visible as it is in the city – with most people sleeping in cars or couch surfing, according to Borgdorff.

During the discussion, some people discussed the affordability crisis, issues with the local housing market, and how demand is currently outstripping supply, leading to more problems.

Everyone in attendance agreed one of the primary problems with homelessness in the Highlands is that people can't see it day-to-day, so they don't think it's a major issue. One person commented how there's a big divide between, "those who have, and those who don't have in Haliburton County."

Graham Borgdorff, a local carpenter, believes the housing crisis in Canada is due to "out of balance" supply and demand. He said the country needs to double the production of homes over the next 10 years, which he sees being a problem given the growing number of people retiring from the trades.

"All trades are at their maximum capacity



Interact co-presidents Annabelle Borgdorff and Brody Bolger, and HHSS teacher Christine Carr presenting at the Interact club presentation on homelessness. Photo by Lillie Qiu.

in terms of workload as it is," Graham said.

Rebeka Borgdorff, a teacher at HHSS, said there is a mentality shift towards communal living because people can't afford their own spaces. That, along with the growing influence of tiny home communities, could form part of the solution in Haliburton County, she added.

Brody Bolger, another club co-president, said the second-highest cause of homelessness in Canada is domestic issues, with victims of abuse fleeing their situations with nowhere else to go. Nearly 40 per cent of the homeless population in Canada live in Ontario, Bolger added.

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Love of the game

Former professional lacrosse player, Scott Stewart, finished running a youth lacrosse camp on May 28 at the A.J. LaRue Arena. This was the first lacrosse camp, to Stewart’s knowledge, that was being offered in Haliburton. Twenty-seven children between the ages of 8 and 13 participated in the camp. Kids worked on building key skills, such as passing, shooting, catching and scooping the ball. Stewart will be offering another summer camp, due to overwhelming interest from the community, on Wednesdays, from July 24 to August 21, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School gym.

Above: Orange jerseys play against the blue jerseys in a game, the first one they’ve played at the camp. Right: Stewart instructs Georgie Stewart at the camp while she’s running back onto the arena. Photos by Lillie Qiu.



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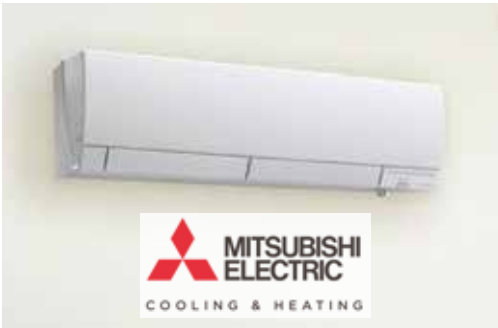


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The second annual year-end recital for Skyline Dance Studio happened at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on June 1 and 2 to a sold-out crowd. At the beginning of the show, Allison Cox, the chairperson of the studio, said it felt like “such a pinch-me moment” that the studio was heading into its third season. The show had a mix of different types of dances, from jazz to musical theatre to ballet and tap. Skyline was established in 2022 from their board of directors, which consisted of a group of dedicated parents and volunteers.

Top left: Recreational ballet ‘tiny stars’ dancers danced on stage at the Skyline Dance Studio 2024 year-end recital. Above: A group of dancers on stage with umbrellas and Mary Poppins-esque costumes dances at the recital. Left: Young dancers during the jazz dance of Surf’s Up in green and blue polka-dot tutus. Inset: A boy is smiling while dressed in costume, dancing on stage. *Photos by Lillie Qiu.*

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Teacher organizing 'bucket list' trip overseas

By Mike Baker

Darla Searle, a self-professed travel junkie, is giving County residents a once in a lifetime opportunity to live the jet set lifestyle and participate in a two-week community trip to Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teacher has organized the trip for summer 2026, with participants to spend 15 days away from July 2 to 16.

It's the latest in a long line of overseas excursions for Searle, who accompanied HHSS students on a trip to Costa Rica in 2022 and has another lined up for Europe during the 2025 Easter break. She'll also be travelling to Africa as part of a small group this summer.

"I've always said there's no better education, no better way to broaden your mind than to travel, experience new things, and appreciate different cultures," Searle said. "I'm an advocate that you're on the planet for a short time. And while we live in a beautiful bubble, there's a lot more world out there for us to see."

The trip is being organized through EF Tours, which Searle has worked with several times before. Eight people need to register for the trip to happen, with Searle saying the "sweet spot" would be 30 people.

Breaking down the itinerary, Searle said the trip begins in New Zealand, with stops in Auckland and Rotorua, where people will be treated to a sheep and dog show at the famous Agrodome. There will be a tour of a natural geothermal park; opportunity to ride the skyline gondola; learn about jade carving in a local craftman's workshop; and visit a Maori village.

Day six includes a flight to Sydney, where guests will spend two days. Searle said there will be excursions to the

world-famous Sydney Opera House, and around Watson Bay.

In Cairns, travellers will be treated to a cruise to the Great Barrier Reef for a full day of snorkeling with a marine biologist, and a scenic train ride to the rainforest village of Kuranda.

"Australia and New Zealand have been on my bucket list for as long as I can remember. I really want to see the opera house, and to go snorkeling and learn all about the reefs," Searle said. "These are the kinds of experiences you just can't find close to home."

The trip will end with a couple of days in Honolulu, which will feature a beach day and visit to the USS Arizona Memorial.

The cost to attend is \$10,333 for adults and \$8,683 for youth under 18, which can be broken down into 24 monthly payments - \$430 per month for adults and \$361 for youth. Searle said that covers the cost of flights, hotels, excursions, and some meals.

Refunds can be issued up to 10 days prior to leaving, minus a \$400 booking fee, Searle added.

A meeting providing more information about the trip will be held in the library at HHSS June 12 at 6 p.m.

"This is a great opportunity for people to do something they would never usually do. I know people who don't travel because they have nobody to travel with - joining a community trip like this solves that problem," Searle said. "You could create lifelong connections - by experiencing this unique trip with other people, you're creating a bond for life."

Darla Searle, pictured on vacation in Barcelona, is organizing a community trip to Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii in summer 2026. *Submitted.*



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The Smooth Operators group performed at Rails End Gallery on June 1. The art gallery was transformed into an intimate setting with dimmed lights and tables with flowers on them as Jodi Timgren, Rich Anton, and Dan O'Neil sang and played the harmonica and keyboard to a crowd of over 10 people. The trio have been making waves on the local scene in Haliburton and have performed around the County. Proceeds from the tickets went to Grounds for Goodness, an installation of projects created by community members in Haliburton.

Above: Jodi Timgren sings while playing at the Rails End Gallery on June 1. Right: Rich Anton plays the harmonica during a concert at the Rails End Gallery. *Photos by Lillie Qiu.*



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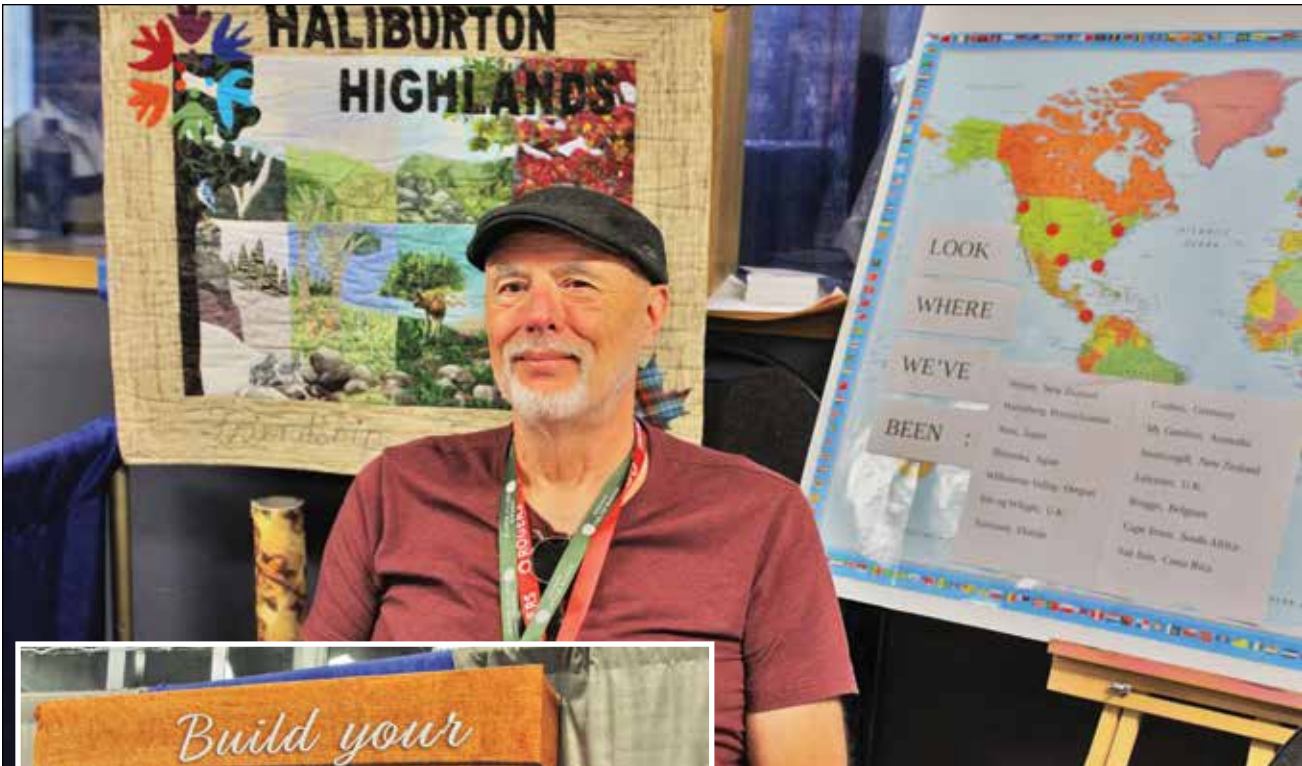
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Happy faces at Home Show

The Haliburton Home and Cottage Show took over A.J. LaRue Arena and the Haliburton Curling Club May 31 to June 2, featuring a who's who of County-based businesses. The show, celebrating its 45th year, had over 170 vendor booths and enjoyed a near record turnout. Organizers said there were lots of out-of-towners visiting for the show.

Top: Lisa Sharpe, an attendee of the home and cottage show, speaks to one of the vendors at A.J. LaRue Arena. Middle: Bryan Sachs, of Friendship Force Haliburton Highlands, sits at his booth at the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show on May 31. above: Anwar Essa stands in front of his booth of a building company in Haliburton. Right: Lisa Reshtliov and Nati stand in front of their booth at the home and cottage show. *Photos by Lillie Qiu.*



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2. Bandshell Rental Fee for Organizations and Community Groups - \$100 per day for a rentals two (2) hours and over.

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Their goal is to see the children of the community reach their full potential, and to have access to whatever further training they need to accomplish that.

This will be the fourth year that the WFG will award a bursary to one or more local students who are continuing in post secondary education (apprenticeship/college/university) following their high school graduation.

The deadline for applications for the \$600 WFG Bursary is July 1st this year.

It will be awarded to a local student or students who are graduating from high school this spring, and going on to pursue a post secondary program in the coming months. (post secondary programs include university, college and apprenticeship programs.)

Qualified candidates for the bursary will meet certain essential criteria: they are from the Wilberforce area and/or attended the Wilberforce Elementary School, they can provide proof of enrollment in their post secondary program and they will be willing to provide a progress report to the WGF at the end of their first post secondary year.

Students interested in applying for the Bursary should contact Joan Barton, at joan4196@gmail.com or 705-448-3074.

Risk: gift that keeps on giving

By Mike Baker

Even today, after a highly successful 30-plus year career that has seen him paint pieces that are on display at Buckingham Palace – the home of the British Royal Family – and Casa Loma in Toronto, David Alexander Risk smirks when he's referred to as a professional artist.

The prolific painter was the featured guest at last weekend's Haliburton Home and Cottage Show, where he spent three days meeting fans, discussing his artwork, and doing live demonstrations.

It was something of a homecoming for Risk, being his first appearance at the show in more than 20 years.

"When we did the last one, we had a farm theme, which was in line with what we were doing at the time. We had a lot of farm animals; the kids all came out and had a great time. They gave us the whole bottom end of the curling rink back then," Risk said.

For his return, the plein air nature and wildlife artist was front and centre, with a booth beside the entrance to the curling club. His stunning 30-foot by 10-foot display featured more than 100 original pieces – all painted especially for the show.

Sitting down with *The Highlander*, Risk, tongue in cheek, said his love affair with art began when he was just a baby.

"Mom and dad said I used to sleep in this big white crib and when I woke up, I'd stand up and bounce and actually move the crib all along the bedroom wall, leaving art behind," he said. "As I grew up, I was always fascinated with nature. I loved sketching and doodling while everyone else played."

He continued to hone his skills, and by the time he was 15 he was making good money drawing houses in his Markham neighbourhood and selling them to the homeowners. He eventually crossed over into wood burnings, where he would etch images of prominent buildings and businesses into plywood and turn them into art.

Now one of his more famous pieces, Risk recalls spending weeks on a piece showcasing Casa Loma, the gothic revival castle-style mansion and garden in midtown Toronto.

"I needed an extra \$600 to pay for my wedding ring, so I went in there and asked to speak to the general manager. I was going to ask \$250 for it," Risk said. "But the guy brought me in, said he loved it and they wanted to put it right in their main lobby. He opened his chequebook and asked how much I wanted. I just about managed to splutter out \$600. He didn't even flinch."

Once Risk and his better half, Sharon, married they relocated from the GTA to Haliburton County. He spent years working at a local lumberyard, while still drawing and painting on the side.

He remembers spending a few weeks perfecting a piece featuring a coyote in the wild. He brought it to the yard to show his co-workers.

"It was life-size. I wanted to put it in the boss' office – we did, and one day his dog came in and starting growling and barking at it. That was the first time someone told me maybe I should consider becoming an artist full-time," Risk said.

He ramped up production – painting multiple pieces daily for shows across the County. They sold out quickly. It wasn't long before word of Risk's talents started to spread. He became a featured artist at the Haliburton School of Fine Arts, winning best in show at one of their annual competitions two years running in the early 1980s.

He also remembers participating in a one-man show at Rails End Gallery around that time, which attracted around 600 visitors and completely sold out.

Self-taught, Risk draws inspiration from some of the biggest names in his field, including Pablo Picasso, Vincent Van Gogh, and Leonardo Da Vinci. While renowned for his life-like style, Risk said he dabbles in different techniques and styles under other "brush names" – or aliases.

For years, he and Sharon operated a farm in the Highlands dedicated to educating and creating new experiences for local youth.



Art collector Gary Parsons, left, traveled from Woodstock to visit artist David Alexander Risk, right, at the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show last weekend. Sharon Risk is also pictured. *Submitted.*

"We love working with young people – our hearts have always been with youth. They're the future, the stewards of our natural world," said Risk, who still hosts free art and nature classes in the community. "You can never give too much. We always love to give, and we find it always comes back around."

One of his more significant donations can be found in the board room at the Haliburton hospital. 'Campfire Traditions' is an original work Risk donated to Haliburton Highlands Health Services in 2000. It displays peace and tranquility on a lake, with a campfire burning in the night's sky. Risk hid about a dozen "paintings within the painting" in the piece, most of them wildlife.

The piece was painted plein air – meaning on location out in the wild. It's Risk's favourite way of working but doesn't come without its dangers.

"I've been struck by lightning twice – this one time I got myself covered, hiding under a tree and them 'boom'. I woke up some time later laying on the ground with holes in my shoes and smelling like something burning on the BBQ," Risk said. "Sometimes when I'm out, I'll be gone for a couple days a time. Sharon would never know where I was – I don't believe in phones, so if something happened, I'd be in trouble."

He recalls another time when, traveling across a frozen pond the ground beneath him suddenly gave way and he was quickly submerged in ice-cold water.

"I fell through an airhole and ended up going right through a beaver dam. I managed to get out, but it was cold, like 30 below, and I was a good mile from home. I just remember running and collapsing once I got through the front door," Risk said. "Sharon said I was like a stiff piece of cardboard."

Having painted for celebrities like George Burns and Bob Hope, former Canadian prime minister Brian Mulroney, and even the British Royal Family – his piece 'Miracle in the Making' of a family of loons is hanging in a private collection at Buckingham Palace – Risk has made his mark in the art world.

He still paints daily, something he said he'll continue to do for the rest of his life.

"I will keep painting until I draw my last breath. I have this gift that brings pleasure and joy to me, but also to other people. I wouldn't ever want to stop that," Risk said.



Sledders attempt to walk on water

Snowmobile owners packed the Pinestone Resort over the May 25 weekend as the Ontario Watercross Racing Association came to town. The racers drove their sleds through mud and grass to line up at the edge of the lake to race across it. People camped out over the weekend and spectators came to watch the show. As the snowmobiles attempted to race across the water, some ended up in the drink, requiring a platoon rescue boat to recover their vehicles. It was the opening weekend of the association’s season.

Top: Two snowmobiles as they take off from the muddy grounds and into the lake. Middle: A snowmobiler turns around a marker on the water before almost finishing his race. Above: A platoon boat out on the water looking for drowned snowmobiles. *Photos by Lillie Qiu.*

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June 11, 7 p.m.

'Youth mental health and social media: creating places of support' at the Haliburton Legion. Join a discussion with Mary Sisson, manager of the Youth Wellness Hub in Haliburton, who will be speaking about the effect of social media, preceded by the chords and contralto of singer/songwriter Jodi Timgren. This is the fourth part of a series on 'making our communities better places.' Open to all, no admission charge, light refreshments provided. Hosted by the Baha'is of Haliburton County.

June 12, 7 to 9 p.m.

The Haliburton County Community Cooperative welcomes back Ted Barris for this month's Speaker Series presentation. The subject is steamboats on the Canadian prairies between the 1850s and the turn of the century. Taking place at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association fish hatchery at 6712 Gelert Rd. Admission is \$15 per person payable at the door. Pre-registration is recommended. Contact Barrie Martin at 705-457-7557 or barrieinthehighlands@gmail.com.

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There's a \$1,000 jackpot on the first Wednesday of the month.

Thursdays: General meeting third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. & ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Fridays: Meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards.

Saturdays: 50/50 draw 4 p.m. Tickets \$1 each, available in the Clubroom.

Clubroom hours: Mon 3-6 p.m., Tues 3-9 p.m., Wed/Thurs 3-6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m. & Sat 3-6 p.m.

Upcoming event: indoor yard/craft sale June 8, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Cheryl to reserve a table at haliburtonlegionrentals@gmail.com. Cost is \$20 for a 8' table.

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 519

Coboconk

Second Monday of the month: General meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays: Euchre - 1 p.m. Open Darts - 7 p.m.

First Wednesday of the month: Big Buck Bid Euchre from 11 a.m. \$15 per person.

Saturdays: Meat Roll at 3 p.m.

For more information contact Legion 705-454-8127

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 624

Wilberforce

Upcoming event: Rick Rowe Memorial Horseshoe Tournament June 8. Registration 10 to 10:30 a.m. Play starts at 11 a.m. Cost is \$20 per person. Music on the deck by Half Tuned, food available for purchase. Prizes for first, second, and third place players.

If you are planning an event, our Ladies Auxiliary would be pleased to cater. Please call the branch at 705-448-2221 to arrange your event.

Royal Canadian Legion - Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 Minden

Monday - Thursday: Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

with regular menu and daily special including Liver Lovers' Tuesday.

Friday Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner 4-7 p.m.

Saturday all day breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with meat draws at 11 a.m.

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Weekly activities:

Karaoke: call for dates

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SCHEDULE OF

Events

- 9 am:

- Fairgrounds open
 - Vendors, artisans, demonstrations
- 10 am - 2 pm:

- Re/Max Balloon Rides Weather Permitting
- 10 am:

- Corn Hole tournament
- 10:15 am:

- Opening ceremonies with dignitaries and fair board executives
- 10 am - 4 pm:

- Animal reader, Lacey Piper
 - Red Wing Farms Cattle Display
 - Cattle Demo Show
 - Beer Tent Opens - (Boshkung Brewery)
- All Day:

- Classic & Antique Car Show
 - Kids Pony Rides (Little Stirrups Equine)
 - Curling Club: exhibits, demonstrations, woodworking and much more.
- 2:30 pm:

- Auction
- 3:30 pm:

- Horse pull
- All times are subject to change

Main Stage

LIVE MUSIC

1 pm: Country Music

Featuring: Crystal Gage and Kurk Bernard
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11 am - 1 pm: Karaoke

Admission

Adults: \$10
Kids Ages 6 - 12: \$5
5 & under: No Charge
All kids events
included in admission

Should I Bring Anything?

- Lawn chair(s)
 - Rain Jacket/Gear (Just in case)
 - Sunscreen
 - Hat
 - Bug Spray
 - Comfortable Footwear
- Although some vendors and artisans may have debit transactions available - it would be a good idea to bring cash as well.
St. Johns Ambulance will be on site!

Things to See

THROUGHOUT THE DAY

- OPP, Minden Fire Department, EMS
- Natural Resources & Smokey The Bear
- Crafts/Quilt Displays
- Paint a Bus
- Fur Harvesters
- Haliburton County Fair 50/50 Draw (Only 2400 tickets sold)
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- Turtle Guardians and more!

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Food Vendors

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Kids & Youth

EVENTS

- Bouncy Castles
 - Pockets the Clown (with face painting)
 - Dalrymple Rabbitry/Parrot
 - Natural Resources & Smokey the Bear
 - Top Shot Hockey
 - Little Stirrups Equine Pony Rides
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OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of
Jean Iles (Nee Webb)
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Friday, May 31, 2024, in her 92nd year. She was predeceased by Joe, her loving husband of 55 years. Proud mother of Pam (Rob), Mike (predeceased) (Wendy), and Joe Jr. (Myra). Loving Grandmother to Jessica, Mathew, Christopher, Tessa, Talese, Kaisha, and Kass. Especially proud Great-Nana to Joe Iles. She will be missed by her sister Donna Thain of Winnipeg.

Remembrance Gathering

Friends and family are invited to call at **THE COMMUNITY ROOM** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Monday afternoon, June 3, 2024, to visit with the family from 1-3 p.m. As an expression of sympathy, donations to SIRCH Community Services would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



In Loving Memory of
Eleanor Mae Arbuthnot
(nee McCracken)

Passed away peacefully at Haliburton Health Services Hospital, Haliburton, Ontario on March 3, 2024, at the age of 88.

Beloved wife of Ronald James Arbuthnot (deceased). Dear mother of Bob (Kathy deceased) of Williamsville, NY, Karen (Kim) Colliss of Minden and David (deceased). Loving Gram of Kristen (Shane), Stephen (Corey), Jamie (Kelsei) and Maureen (Jed). Special Nan to Nathan, Kate, Huxlee, Jackson, Wren, Dylan, Luke, Tyke and Winnie (Winifred). Sister of Eldon (Laureen) McCracken, Mary (Dale deceased) Trumbull and Les (Judy) McCracken. Eleanor will be fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews and also by her many amazing friends.

Friends are invited to visit with the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Saturday, June 15, 2024 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Memorial Service to celebrate Eleanor's life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the family centre at the funeral home. Interment at 12 Mile Lake Cemetery, Carnarvon.

Memorial Donations to the Diabetes Canada or Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.



In Loving Memory of
Leonard "Len" Foster

On October 29, 2023, at age 82, after a 7 year battle against Lewy Body Dementia, Len gently slipped away from this earthly life into a new eternal life where his brain is again whole and he is capable of feeling joy, love, and happiness. Devoted and loving husband of Susan Foster. Cherished father of Robin (Keith), Susan (Jim), Steven, and Keith (Kathy). Len will be greatly missed by his brother David. He is predeceased by his first wife Pearl, partner Mary, and brothers Brian and Alan.

Len was the first Fire Chief of Cardiff Fire Department and was the founder and past president of the Minden Amateur Radio Club.

Visitation & Memorial Mass

Friends and family are invited to call at **OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** 7 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden on Friday morning, June 14, 2024 for a Memorial Mass at 12 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). A reception will follow in the Church Hall. As an expression of sympathy, donations to The Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



In Loving Memory of
Pat Wilson

Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest, Minden on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 with her husband, sons and sister by her side, in her 75th year.

Loving wife and best friend of Jim for 31 years. Loving mother of Michael (Fran), Craig (Jessica), loving grandma of Todd, Sommer, Rebecca, Nicholas, Tyler and Ava. Dear sister of Sue Kelly (Michael-deceased) and aunt of Ryan (Moya). Fondly remembered by William Earle and by the extended Earle and Wilson Families.

Pat was a Graduate of the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal as a registered nurse that lead to a career at Brant County Public Health until retiring in 2004. The family would like to acknowledge the loving care and dignity provided to Pat by the nurses, pswh's and staff during her two year stay at Hyland Crest.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 from 3:00 until 6:00 pm. A Memorial Mass to Celebrate Pat's Life will be held at the Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Church Hall. Cremation has taken place and interment at the Brockville Cemetery will take place at a later date.

Memorial Donations to the Minden Food Bank or the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family.



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Caught with No GH

by Barbara Olson
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Across

- 1 Built like a tank
- 7 Loch Ness yes
- 10 Toque's lack
- 14 Wood-shaping machines
- 15 Part of M.P.: Abbr.
- 16 Image on a Canucks jersey
- 17 Sworn to tell the truth
- 18 Shakes off a drunk
- 20 They keep an eye on the queue?
- 22 Not up ___ (deficient)
- 23 Back to the top, in music
- 27 Didn't use a relief pitcher?
- 29 "You're ___ and don't even know it"
- 31 "___ haw!"
- 32 Tiny, fur-tailed monkey
- 33 Race car driver ___ Fabi
- 34 What The Thinker might be murmuring
- 37 Summer hrs. in Que.
- 39 Holy ___ (Vatican)
- 40 Lake feeding the Blue Nile
- 42 Boorish blockhead
- 44 End-to-end puck shooters
- 46 Email the fraternity club?
- 50 Dragon-turned-Shark Kevin ___
- 51 Valerie Harper's TV role
- 52 Casual greeting, in a dictionary?
- 57 "Vamoose!", after "go"
- 60 What Red Bull boosts
- 61 "White Wedding" rocker Billy
- 62 Tax file recipient: Abbr.
- 63 Actress in "Julia" (1977) and "Julie and Julia" (2009)
- 64 Reputation blemish
- 65 Start to flop?
- 66 Did a salad prep job

Down

- 1 Emulate the Big Bad Wolf
- 2 ___ bath (prepared to soak)
- 3 Toulouse "to you"
- 4 "You're kidding, right?!"
- 5 Bottom-line value

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- 6 Fork-in-the-road formation
- 7 Et-gay ost-lay equivalent
- 8 Actress Michelle of "Crazy Rich Asians"
- 9 Firmly implanted
- 10 Beet-based bowlful
- 11 Conductor's worksites: Abbr.
- 12 Place for the seriously ill
- 13 First page of "The Hobbit"
- 19 "Quod ___ demonstrandum"
- 21 Spotted, to Tweety
- 24 Comes up
- 25 Fade away, with "out"
- 26 Scrapes under Welly Bandages
- 27 Coin some called a doubloon
- 28 Unlikely identifier in a man's obit
- 29 When to begin a siesta, maybe
- 30 Vermeer portrait "The Girl with a ___ Earring"
- 35 Book that opens with "Call me Ishmael"
- 36 Second 31-day mo.
- 38 Was linked with
- 41 Going nowhere
- 43 Lest, with "that"
- 45 Planetary pockmarks
- 47 "The Phantom of the Opera" phantom
- 48 Meas. of mugginess
- 49 ___ Ed's (famous discount store till 2016)
- 53 To be, to the French
- 54 States of fury
- 55 Curved molding
- 56 Org. for a Big Apple cop
- 57 Little lie
- 58 The "bad" cholesterol, for short
- 59 "___ hoo!"



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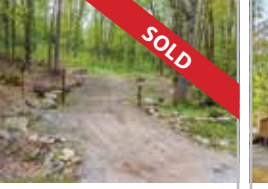

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<div>HALIBURTON LAKE \$1,245,500</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>3X BED</div><div>2X BATH</div></div><div><div>GREAT LOCATION</div><div>MLS# 40561873</div></div></div>	<div>WENONA LAKE \$1,190,000</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>3X BED</div><div>3X BATH</div></div><div><div>WESTERN EXPOSURE</div><div>MLS# 40547278</div></div></div>	<div>KENNISIS LAKE \$985,000</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>4X BED</div><div>2 X BATH</div></div><div><div>MUNICIPAL ROAD</div><div>MLS# 40569786</div></div></div>	<div>HALBIEM CRESCENT \$979,000</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>3X BED</div><div>4X BATH</div></div><div><div>5288 SQ. FEET</div><div>MLS# 40572051</div></div></div>	<div>EAGLE LAKE \$950,000</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>3X BED</div><div>2X BATH</div></div><div><div>1603 SQ. FEET</div><div>MLS# 40572057</div></div></div>	<div>HALBIEM \$924,500</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>GREAT LOCATION</div><div>1.04 ACRES</div></div><div><div>2496 SQ. FEET</div><div>MLS# 40586358</div></div></div>
<div>KENNISIS LAKE \$830,000</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>BOATHOUSE</div></div><div><div>3X BED</div><div>MLS# 40552668</div></div></div>	<div>HALIBURTON LAKE \$775,000</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>3X BED</div></div><div><div>720 SQ. FEET</div><div>MLS# 40595788</div></div></div>	<div>KUSHOG LAKE \$749,000</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>DRIVEWAY INSTALLED</div></div><div><div>4.17 ACRES</div><div>MLS# 40568971</div></div></div>	<div>DAVIS LAKE \$720,000</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>5X BED</div></div><div><div>1440 SQ. FEET</div><div>MLS# 40593364</div></div></div>	<div>FRED JONES ROAD \$595,000</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>3X BED</div></div><div><div>1369 SQ. FEET</div><div>MLS# 40579583</div></div></div>	<div>EAGLE LAKE \$587,000</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>3X BED</div></div><div><div>3.77 ACRES</div><div>MLS# 40585036</div></div></div>
<div>PORTAGE LAKE \$525,000</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>2X BED</div></div><div><div>640 SQ. FEET</div><div>MLS# 40597519</div></div></div>	<div>REDSTONE LAKE \$450,000</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>470 FT. FRONTAGE</div></div><div><div>7.716 ACRES</div><div>MLS# 40585667</div></div></div>	<div>HALIBURTON LAKE ROAD · \$275,000</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>728 FT. FRONTAGE</div></div><div><div>14.53 ACRES</div><div>MLS# 40585911</div></div></div>	<div>BRENHOLM LANE \$249,900</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>160 FT. FRONTAGE</div></div><div><div>0.81 ACRES</div><div>MLS# 40586352</div></div></div>	<div>BETHEL ROAD \$195,000</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>330 FT. FRONTAGE</div></div><div><div>24.65 ACRES</div><div>MLS# 40476956</div></div></div>	<div>GRACE RIVER RD. \$185,000</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>LAKEFRONT</div></div><div><div>2.61 ACRES</div><div>MLS# 40549856</div></div></div>
<div>GRACE RIVER RD. \$179,000</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>RIVERFRONT</div></div><div><div>1.23 ACRES</div><div>MLS# 40549838</div></div></div>	<div>LAKEVIEW ST. \$159,900</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>GREAT LOCATION</div></div><div><div>1.47 ACRES</div><div>MLS# 40538935</div></div></div>	<div>ELEPHANT LAKE RD. \$154,950</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>3.97 ACRES</div><div>MLS# 40578408</div></div></div>	<div>CHANDLER POINT \$68,500</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>3X BED</div><div>2X BATH</div></div><div><div>5.83 ACRES</div><div>MLS# 40578158</div></div></div>	<div>ELEPHANT LAKE RD. \$48,925</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>.13 ACRES</div><div>MLS# 40579751</div></div></div>	<div>HALIBURTON LAKE \$999,000</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>3X BED</div><div>2 X BATH</div></div><div><div>169 ACRES</div><div>MLS# 40424313</div></div></div>
<div>FORT IRWIN \$819,000</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>3X BED</div></div><div><div>2172 SQ. FEET</div><div>MLS# 40585906</div></div></div>	<div>CURRY ROAD \$185,000</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>MLS# 40585907</div></div></div>	<div>SHARON LAKE \$639,900</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>3X BED</div></div><div><div>886 SQ. FEET</div><div>MLS# 40572048</div></div></div>			

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